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SUBJ: NOTICE TO FOREIGN FLAG VESSELS

FOR FISHEREIES ATTACHE, MEXICO CITY

REF: EMBASSY A-87, MAY 3, 1974

1. PANAMA CITY NEWSPAPERS MAY 10 AND 11 CARRIED PROMINENTLY NOTICE TO ALL FOREIGN FLAG VESSELS CONCERNING LAWS AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO THEIR OPERATIONS IN PANAMANIAN WATERS. SENSE OF NOTICE IS THAT FOREIGN VESSELS WILL "RESPECT" PANAMANIAN MARITIME LAWS WHICH ARE IN FORCE.

2. OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE: THE CONSULAR AND MARITIME ADMINISTRATION OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND TREASURY, CONCERNED ABOUT THE PRESENT SITUATION, WHERE SOME FOREIGN VESSELS DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE NATIONAL LAWS, AS IN THE RECENT CASE OF THE NORTH AMERICAN FLAG VESSEL, RAFFAELLO, WHICH BROKE PROVISIONS OF OUR MARITIME LAWS, UNCLASSIFIED

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AND WHICH PAID THE FINES IMPOSED BY THIS ADMINISTRATION, SINCE

IT DID NOT CARRY THE REQUIRED NAVIGATION PERMIT, AND BY THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, FOR FAILURE TO HAVE THE PERTINENT FISHING LICENSE; DESIRES TO REQUEST INTERESTED PARTIES AND COMPANIES WHICH REPRESENT THESE VESSELS THAT THEY INFORM THEM DULY ABOUT THE MATTER AND PROCEED IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR EXISTING LEGISLATION, SINCE IT IS NOT OUR INTENTION TO PERSECUTE OR FINE FOREIGN SHIPS BUT ONLY TO MAKE THEM RESPECT THE PRESENT LAWS AND ACCOMPANYING MEASURES.

THEREFORE, IT IS REQUESTED THAT ANY ACTIVITY IN NATIONAL WATERS BE MADE KNOWN TO THE PORT CAPTAINS OR PORT INSPECTORS IN THE CORRESPONDING AREAS, OR TO THIS ADMINISTRATION, IN SUFFICIENT TIME SO THAT THE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS OR REQUIRED INFORMATION MAY BE IMPARTED. THESE MEASURES MUST BE CARRIED OUT ESPECIALLY BY FISHING VESSELS CONCERNING WHICH SPECIFIC LAWS EXIST AND WHICH MUST ALSO OBTAIN THE REGULATORY LICENSE FROM THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES, WHICH WILL AVOID THE OCCURENCES NOTED ABOVE.

THE OBSERVATION IS ALSO MADE, WITH RESPECT TO SHIPS ARRIVING IN NATIONAL WATERS OF THE REPUBLIC, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS, THAT THEY MUST HOIST, IN ADDITION TO THE FLAG OF THE COUNTRY OF REGISTRY, THE FLAG OF PANAMA, A CUSTOM WHICH IS FOLLOWED BY ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.

THE COOPERATION OF EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THE SHIPPING AGENTS IN THE REPUBLIC IS EXPECTED, INFORMING SHIPS' HANDLERS IN GENERAL OF THE FACTS AND ABOVE ALL THE OWNERS OF SHIPS INVOLVED IN INTERNATIONAL FISHING.

EXTENDING BEFOREHAND THE APPRECIATION OF THE DIRECTOR FOR THE ATTENTION AND INTEREST PAID TO THAT SET FORTH HERE, I TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REITERATE THE ASSURANCES OF MY DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION. SIGNED: PANA ANGEL KOURUKLIS, DIRECTOR, CONSULAR AND MARITIME ADMINISTRATION. END QUOTE.
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